

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 19, 2005, the Examiner has allowed claims 1-13 and 16-18. The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 20, 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Muro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,132,133) in view of Sunderland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,869,010). Claims 20, 23 and 24 have been cancelled and claim 34 has been added. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 been amended to correct inconsistencies in punctuation. Claims 1-13, 16-18 and 34 are currently pending in this application.

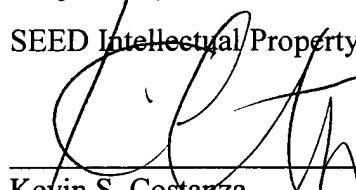
The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-13 and 16-18. Further, claim 34 has been added, depending from allowable claim 1. No new matter has been added. A redlined substitute specification is provided for the Examiner's convenient reference.

Figure 7 has been revised to add a leader to the shroud for callout 86. The method step of claim 34 is supported by the original application. Figure 7 and the description thereof support advancing two longitudinally spaced modular compaction units over the laid asphalt.

Given that claims 1-13 and 16-18 have been allowed, rejected claims 20, 23 and 24 have been cancelled and new claim 34 depends from allowed claim 1 and is supported by the original application, all of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable and Applicant earnestly solicits favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

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4 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1-8)
Substitute Specification
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 7. These sheets, which include Figures 1-8, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-8.

Attachments: 4 Sheets Replacement Drawings (Figs. 1-8)